National Bio-Gas Development Programme

2345. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Biogas Development Programme is being implemented in the tribal areas;

(b) if so, to what extent the Programme has helped the tribals in the State of Orissa; and

(c) what is the number of bio-gas plants set up in the tribal districts of Orissa, especially in the Phulbani district?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir. The National Project for Biogas Development which caters to family type biogas plants, is being implemented in all States/Union Territories including tribal areas.

(b) and (c) Under the National Project for Biogas Development a total of over 31,200 biogas plants have been set up in the State of Orissa including tribal areas out of which over 400 plants have been set up in the district of Phulbani.

Functioning of Production Centre at Tiruvalla in Kerala

2346. SHRI THOMAS RUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a production Centre under the Central Government is functioning at Tiruvalla in Kerala;

(b) if so, what are the products made at this Centre and whether there are plans to develop this Centre further; and

(c) how many persons are working at this Centre at present and how many of them are getting training?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) The products made at the Centre are Squirrel Cage Induction Motors ranging from fractional HP to 20 HP—Single and 3 phase.

(ii) There are no plans presently to develop this centre further.

(c) 59 persons are presently working in the production centre which include Officers & Administration staff.

(ii) None of the above staff of the Centre are getting training.

Report of the Neyveli Lignite Corporation

@2347. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a detailed report from Neyveli Lignite Corporation for exploring Lignite deposits from Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the salient features of the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

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